

MAKE THEIR DEFENSE.

The Police Commissioners Present Their Side

OF THE CONTROVERSY NOW GOING ON

In Regard to the Ultra Expensiveness of the Police Department as Compared to Other City Departments.

In reply to charges of wastefulness and extravagance made against the police department, the police commissioners have prepared the following:

To the Editor of the STATE JOURNAL:—Sir—We, the police commissioners, desire to explain some matters in connection with the police department of this city, and its costs.

We give you the figures, showing the net cost to the city, of the police department for the last year of police management, and the first year under Populists.

Nominally there was an increased expense. The actual increase for the twelve months being \$939.68 in place of \$4,000 as stated in the Capital. The discrepancy may be too small to notice, but if you will deduct from the increase stated above, the salary of the police matron, for which the city has certainly had full value in return, the sanitary work done by the police department, the pay of the guard at the rockpile, formerly carried on the street commissioner's payroll, and the balance will be on the other side. Never in the history of this city have there been so many idle men; so many hungry reckless men; so many men, women and children getting desperate for food, clothing and shelter, and driven to crime to satisfy these needs, as since the police department passed into our hands.

Over and again, efforts to reduce our expenses by cutting down the force, have been followed by burglaries, thefts, barn-burnings, and other crimes, which brought clamorous demands for more police protection. Good citizens of all parties, have insisted on their right to have protection, and their willingness to be taxed for it. Our city is spread over such a large territory, that even a meagre service requires a large force.

Kansas City pays for three times the men to cover the same amount of ground. Simple justice will accord to the officers and men of the present force, a large measure of praise for the peace and good order kept in this city under such adverse circumstances. Such has been their vigilance that high crimes have been almost unknown during the past year of turmoil. The fact that in almost every case petty offenders convicted, criminals have been caught and brought to justice, proves the efficiency of the force. We assert that this city never had so temperate a police force as the men who wear its stars today.

But other factors enter into this expense account. The time was not long ago when petty offenders convicted, the police court had money, or friends who could put up the money to pay their fines. For the last year, month by month, the poverty of this class has been growing more and more apparent, and those who formerly paid their fines in cash, now work them out on the rock pile. For this broken stone our department gets no credit, though we furnish the city a mountain of it.

Alley thieves, stealing to satisfy hunger, women selling their bodies to feed their hungry babies; scores are doing it in this city, have no money to pay police court fines. This class will be very fortunate if there are not many cases of petty crime in the near future, committed for the sole purpose of gaining a sentence to the city prison for the sake of shelter and food. Prior to our administration appeals from the police court to the district court, were very few. Only one-half per cent of convictions for violation of the prohibitory law were so appealed. After the change of administration thirty-two per cent were taken to the higher court. You may be able to give a reason for this change of practice, but it certainly refutes the popular clamor about undue leniency on the part of the district court. Of all these appealed cases we have received from convictions affirmed in the higher court the sum of fifty dollars only, which is one item in our deficit of receipts.

And now about those "notoriously wide open joints." We assert that outside of the so-called "clubs" and the illegal sales in the drug stores, our people have had small cause to complain of the non-enforcement of the law. About one year ago the police authorities brought an action against the Topeka club, in an effort to close the drinking places in this city. At that time Topeka boasted a Great Daily Paper. It was the staunch advocate and defender of prohibition. It was the proud "bell wether" of the prohibition dock. Where it led they made haste to follow. It made public sentiment. All good citizens looked to its columns for the light and inspiration they needed to walk by. In the daily Capital of August 6th, 1893, was a grandiloquent defense of the Topeka club. It was read with unusual interest all over the city. We would ask the Capital to kindly republish that article. It will not be less interesting today. The logic of this authoritative editorials made it seem to be a duty to all good citizens to organize clubs. Hospitality demands it. It was essential to the higher development of social and business life. Politics, art and literature could only flourish in their fostering care. The consolations of religion alone seem to have been forgotten in the benefits reputed to flow from club life, with a spirituous annex.

Our citizens were quick to take the hint. Such advice from such a source was seed sown in a responsive soil. It was treason to our Great Daily not to accept its conclusions. Clubs sprang up like the prophet's sword all over the city. Shrewd attorneys framed articles of incorporation for these clubs, intended to evade the law and keep inside the court decisions in the Topeka club case. It could hardly be expected in these hard times that the average club could maintain so much style, and so long a bill of fare, and so varied refreshments as the pet model of the Capital. But if the hospitality was as sincere, the ambition to be distinguished as great, the fellows with only a keg of beer, a ice, a faucet and a glass, felt sure of the brotherly recognition of our Great Daily. And so under its leadership the club regime came in.

In justice to these men who guard the city day and night let us say: we believe no man in any department, renders so much service to this city for so small pay, as the

much abused policeman. Our chief has a salary of \$1200.00 per year, and \$60.00 per month is the most paid to other officers of the force. Patrolmen after six months of service receive only \$55.00 per month. Their hours of service average from fourteen to sixteen daily, and seven days in a week. Two thirds of the work is at night, and the breaking up of natural hours for sleep is very hard on the men. They are held to their posts in sun and storm, reporting hourly all through the night. Their uniforms are expensive costing them nearly a hundred dollars per year. They are almost shut off from the amenities of home and social life, and certainly deserve more of praise and less of censure than falls to their lot. Compare this service with the work done and the price paid in other departments of city work.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Chief of police, \$1,200.00 per year.
Captain, \$720.00 per year.
Patrolmen, \$50.00 per month for first six months and \$55.00 afterwards.
Police judge, \$60.00 per month.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
Fire marshal, \$1,800.00 per year.
Street commissioner, \$900.00, and for use of horse, \$120.00.
Superintendent electric light, \$1,500.00.
City engineer, \$1,500.00.
Street force, \$1.50 per day of eight hours. No uniforms to pay for.
City attorney, \$1,200.00 per year.
Assistant attorney, \$400.00 per year.
We invite all citizens to visit the city prison and become acquainted with our work in its details. Judge us by business rules and methods, not from a partisan standpoint, and we will be content to abide the verdict.

A. B. WHITING,
Chairman.
L. T. YOUNT,
Secretary.
OSCAR KRAUS.

The above communication puts the best face on police department matters that is possible; still it doesn't overcome the fact that if there is not a reduction in the police force (as well as in other departments) the business men of Topeka will have to submit to an occupation tax; it won't take more than five minutes for the business men to decide which horn of the dilemma must be chosen. An occupation tax is detestable and unjust and only to be resorted to when there is no other way out. But if reductions in the expense of the city departments are to be made, it is only just and fair that the police department accept the inevitable along with the other departments. It ought not to maintain an air of superiority over them. It is not for partisan reasons that this is demanded, but purely from a business standpoint. The police department is not to be singled out for a reduction, but to suffer its fair share with the rest. The street commissioner's force is to be reduced, the police force should be reduced, too. Comparison of the expenses of former years with this year has nothing to do with the matter. The city is hard up, right now; the only way out is a reduction of expenses or an occupation tax; everybody knows the latter is an occupation tax; it stirs up litigation and litigation breaks down almost as soon as its collection is undertaken.

Political Notes.
J. R. Burton has to make eight political speeches this week.

Miss Helen Kimber of Parsons, F. B. Dawes and J. H. Guy will speak at the Republican picnic at Tecumseh, Thursday.

J. G. Wood and A. M. Thomas spoke at a Republican club meeting at the court house last night, and a drum corps made lots of noise on the outside.

The Republican state central committee has arranged the places and dates for Major Mendenhall's meetings, beginning September 8 at Holton and ending October 4 at Wellington.

A large banner which reads, "Headquarters Democratic State Central Committee," is suspended on Fifth street, between the Office Block and the Fifth Avenue hotel, in good weather.

C. J. Swanson has declined to accept the office of secretary of the Scandinavian club which was organized Monday night at the court house. He is a Republican and does not want to affiliate with the Populist adjunct he understands this club is to be.

The prohibition party campaign in Shawnee county will be opened next Monday night at Oakland when Rev. R. Wake, the candidate for the legislature in the South district will speak. Meetings will soon be arranged for J. W. Sidwell, F. F. Frazer and G. F. Kimball. The county central committee met last night and talked over plans for the campaign.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The city is putting down new sidewalks along Smoky Row.

One of the visiting Royal Arch Masons looks like a miser when he orders a drink. Good melons cost only five cents, but people are getting tired of them.

A young man who has been away two years, says he never saw Topeka "so dry" as at present.

A Topeka ball team is playing a circuit in northeastern Kansas. They are at Troy today.

The corner stone of the new court house will be laid next month by the Masonic order.

Ex-Jailer A. R. Jester of the city prison, but now located at Los Cerillos, N. M., is spending his vacation in Topeka.

There will be an open-air dance to-night at Vinewood, for the purpose of snubbing the tough set of the younger society.

Contractor Stevenson got \$4,433.21 for two week's services on the court house. J. C. Holland got \$192 and W. H. Trump \$82.50.

Serenades are no longer popular in Topeka. One party was out four hours last night and got only one hand-out, and applause twice.

William M. McGuire of Denver, master in chancery of the United States court for the Colorado Midland, who has been here several days checking up the accounts of that road, returned to Denver today.

Colonel Alexander Hogeland, who has worked among the youth of Topeka for the past twelve years with indifferent results, is here again to hold meetings in the interests of his national child-rescue society. He wants some laws to prevent crime among boys.

Fresh Oysters.
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SCENE OF BRILLIANCY.

Reception of the Masons to Visiting Guests.

THE TEMPLE NEVER LOOKED FINER.

Decorations Beautiful—Today's Programme and Incidents of the Day.

There was a brilliant gathering at the Masonic temple last evening. The visitor had no trouble in recognizing the unmistakable evidence of approaching gaiety the moment he came in sight of the building.

A light shone from each window and every heart within the building reflected its warmth and cheer.

A reception was given by Topeka Chapter No. 5 to their visiting brethren of the general grand lodge of Royal Arch Masons last evening. One could not help noticing that the gentlemen present with badges on, wore a particularly well fed and prosperous appearance. The only lean men present were those from Iowa and a few from Kansas. Mr. Prince would have found no recruits for his Masonic consumptive's home there.

If Topeka has ever seen a gathering of more distinguished looking men and more beautiful women there are natives with children now who do not remember it.

There was not an unhandsome inch in the crowd. Every spot was beautifully lit till the walls and ceilings and domes and entryways and balconies gave forth an atmosphere that was magnificent, but not more than in keeping with the grand occasion it was built to surround. The main lodge room was filled with a crowd of happy and well dressed throngs. The reception committee was in full dress. The ladies were not in full evening costume. The meeting had been announced as entirely informal, and there was nothing overdressed about it. Exceedingly good taste prevailed.

There were palms and flowers everywhere. The elevation at the west end of the room was cut off from the floor by a veil of palms and behind it sat Marshall's band with their best selections before them. A good many young people were present and you could occasionally hear a gentle objection when a particularly sweet waltz started through the palms because dancing had not been provided for by the committee in charge. At the south side of the room stood High Priest Will C. Chaffee, King Charles J. Webb and Scribe Silas L. Seabrook with their ladies, grasping with their hands the guests as they were presented.

There must have been 400 people in attendance and the rooms were crowded. There was no formal programme, but Past Grand High Priest Bester G. Brown could not resist the temptation to say a few words in his flowery way about the welcome, and the sincerity of it. He spoke feelingly of the departed companion John Henry Brown, whose portrait is a feature of the hall, and spoke so eloquently of Kansas and the beauty of the ladies present, that the applause was hearty, and blushes of pleasure suffused each feminine cheek.

There is another room in the temple that is truly handsome, and that is the blue room. This was the gathering place of the older people, who early became wearied of the frivolities of the young folks, who floated from room to room, stopping only long enough to peep into the huge punch bowls and flick their lips just the little while with their pocket cambric and linen.

You have never seen a happier gathering, and it is certain you have never tasted better champagne and claret punch. There was lemonade there for those who liked it. The picture of genuine contentment and peace was just visible through the clouds in the smoking room. Here was the genuine reunion. Old friends sought each other out and took them here where they could hide themselves in corners behind the emanations of the fragrant rosin and recall to memory the happy days of years ago, when one helped strap the other on his wooden goat, or perhaps it was a R. A. M. The Illinois man had the Wisconsin man buried in a big easy chair, and was making him tell all about the absent friend who slept with him beneath his blanket during the war and stooped his shoulder to shoulder with him in the thick of the leaden rain. What a memory a good cigar will give a man.

Supper was announced at half past nine o'clock, but it was nearly midnight when all were through. Those in the room were in no hurry to get out and the long line that waited in the hall had almost exhausted its stock of politeness and wit before it was allowed to stop it in the most longed for way. Anything in the shape of a joke was good and thoroughly appreciated while the wait for supper was occupying the time. "I have waited at least two weeks already," said one young man, "and I am almost too weak to wait any longer." It wasn't a very good joke, but the people were indulgent and the young man made a hit. The members of the band wore their white coats, and a jolly young lady spread laughter through the hall by introducing white coats to white coats. Everybody who had a joke to tell appeared on the surface until finally there was a great good natured rush. The supper room door had been opened. The collection was a light one and like the rest of the evening was very informal. In the center of the room stood the table, a pyramid of eye delighting delicacies. The visitors occupied chairs or stood around against the walls while the waiters brought the salad and coffee that was to make their heads heavy and their hearts sad today. You took your plate upon your knees if you had a chair and held it in your hand if you stood up. The young ladies and gentlemen wrote their names on each other's necks between the first and second rounds of the full dress waiters and waited patiently for the sherbet and cake that was to be followed by the claret.

Those who had eaten before were going home now, and when the waiters were looked upon as astonishment to see that it was nearly 12.

It was time to go home now, and there was regret about it. There were sighs in the elevator and on the stairs. A visitor could not help saying as he put on his hat, "I have found out that when the Topeka Masons start out to entertain their entertainers," and all in hearing breathed an earnest "Amen."

Today's Doings.
The delegates to the convocation of the general grand chapter of the Royal Arch Masons was treated to a drive about the city this morning by Topeka Chapter,

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No. 5. There were about fifty carriages in line. After the drive the morning reception at the Grand opera house took place.

Robert E. Nickels, grand high priest, presided and Rev. F. M. Porch pronounced the invocation. The address of welcome on behalf of the R. A. M. of Kansas was delivered by Owen E. Bassett, past grand high priest, and Deputy and Acting General Grand High Priest George L. McCahan responded. The address of welcome on behalf of the Masons of Kansas was delivered by Grand Master George W. Clark, and was responded to by General Grand King R. C. Lemmon. Mayor T. W. Harrison extended the hand of welcome to the visitors, and was replied to by General Grand Scribe James W. Taylor. Marshall's band was present. The opera house was well filled and beautifully decorated.

The convocation of the general grand chapter did not take place at the hall till nearly two o'clock, and consisted of the addresses and reports of the general grand officers.

This afternoon the ladies with the visiting delegates were taken for the drive about the city. The business of the convocation will close tonight.

The sealing of the steel chest that was to have contained the archives—letters and reports—from the various Masonic bodies of the cryptic degree and placed in the grand lodge treasury at New York for preservation during the years, to be opened at the twenty-eighth stated convocation of the general grand chapter, was postponed to January 1. Kansas was the only one of the grand lodges ready.

Tomorrow the visitors and a couple of hundred Topeka Masons will leave at 8 o'clock in the morning for Fort Riley on a special train over the Union Pacific and will be gone all day. The Modocs will accompany them and assist in their entertainment there. Gen. Forsyth in command there has arranged an excellent military programme of drills, etc., for the amusement of the visitors. In the evening the train will go to Junction City for supper and will be entertained by the Junction City chapter.

FOR CONSUMPTIVE MASON.

A Home to Be Established for Them in New Mexico.

Among the many distinguished visitors in the city this week with the Royal Arch Masons is ex-Governor L. Bradford Prince of Santa Fe, N. M. He is here in the interest of the proposed national Masonic home for consumptives, that Santa Fe hopes will be established there.

The intention is to establish at Santa Fe a Masonic home for consumptives, which will increase in capacity as means are provided until it shall be able to meet the wants of all the Masons and members of Masons' families throughout the entire world who are afflicted with pulmonary diseases.

It is estimated that the number of sufferers who would gladly avail themselves of such an institution, and to whom it would be the greatest of boons, exceeds 2,500 annually.

Citizens of Santa Fe have pledged themselves to donate a tract of 100 acres of land, or more if it be required, whereon to erect the home.

The home is to be managed, controlled and conducted by Masons, and, whenever practicable, Masons only shall be employed in every position connected with the establishment. It is contemplated that all impoverished or needy Masons or members of such Masons' families shall be admitted to the home, and shall have all medical attendance, care and comfort, free of cost; that those admitted to the home who are able to pay shall be charged only a reasonable sum with view to profit, and that every effort shall be directed to make this a real home for the suffering, not a mere hospital for the sick.

NEW COUNCILS AND OFFICERS.

Councils Granted Charters and Officers of Grand Council Elected.

At the adjourned session of the general grand council yesterday afternoon the following councils organized in states and territories where there are no grand councils were granted charters: Denver council, Denver, Colo.; Utah council, Salt Lake City, Utah; Rocky Mountain council, Trinidad, Colo.; Durango council, Durango, Colo.; Akron council, Akron, Colo.; Colfax council, Colfax, Wash.; Canon City council, Canon City, Colo.; Spokane council, Spokane, Wash.; Seattle council, Seattle, Wash.; Hilkie council, Jamestown, N. D.; Pueblo council, Pueblo, Colo.; Muskogee council, Muskogee, I. T.; Union council, McAllister, I. T.; Pomeroy council, Pom-

eroy, Wash., and Gunnison council, Gunnison, Colo.

The election of the officers of the grand council for the next three years resulted as follows:

John W. Coburn, New York, N. Y., general grand master.
Bradford Nichol, Nashville, Tenn., general grand deputy master.
William Abram Love, Atlanta, Ga., general grand principal conductor.
Charles H. Heaton, Montpelier, Vt., general grand treasurer.

Henry W. Nordhant, Fort Wayne, Ind., general grand recorder.
William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo., general grand captain of the guard.

Serannus Bowen, Boston, Mass., general grand conductor of the council.
George D. McBride, Gallipolis, Ohio, general grand marshal.

Andrew P. Swanson, St. Paul, Minn., general grand steward.

SHOT AT ROSSVILLE.

Mrs. Lew Sturdivant Puts a Bullet Into Frank Maxwell of Topeka.

Frank Maxwell, a victim of a sensational shooting affair at Rossville, was brought to Topeka this morning and is now being cared for by County Physician McClintock, at the Bedwell hospital, in North Topeka.

Maxwell, who lives in Rossville, went to the home of Lew Sturdivant, three miles in the country, yesterday morning to cut corn. During the afternoon Mr. Sturdivant went away from home and Maxwell went to the house to see Mrs. Sturdivant, with whom he was acquainted, having been employed on the farm as a "hired man" last year.

Maxwell and Mrs. Sturdivant had some trouble and Mrs. Sturdivant procured a revolver and shot Maxwell, the ball passing through his left shoulder making a dangerous wound. An artery was severed and Maxwell almost bled to death before medical attendance was secured.

Mrs. Sturdivant says Maxwell attempted to take undue liberties, but he says the actions were no worse than they had been many times before.

Mr. Sturdivant arrived home soon after the shooting. He was under the influence of liquor and wanted to kill Maxwell, who, although suffering from his wound, ran out into a near by corn field in his effort to escape. He was shot and fell down in the edge of the corn field and remained there until his friends at Rossville were notified of the shooting and went after him. No arrests have been made.

OBJECTS OF THAT CLUB.

In Reply to "A Swede" on the Organization of the Swedish Political Club.

I desire to state for the benefit of all persons interested in forming this club, that the sole object of its organization is to better the condition of every Swede or Scandinavian in this country. This organization is for the purpose of bringing its members together as a political body; not in the interest of the Republican, Democratic and People's party, but in their own individual interest, to act as a unit for the welfare of its members. It is to vote for and support any party that is in sympathy, and that will represent their interests as laboring men, and no other.

No man who is honest with himself should fear to be a member of such a club. You should look to your own individual interest and the interest of your family and not be run by any political bosses.

Respectfully yours,
O. M. OLSON.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fay entertained a few friends last evening in honor of Miss Musette Renwick, it being her birthday. Dancing and music were the chief amusement of the evening. The guests were: Mrs. A. B. Campbell, Mrs. W. E. Swan, Mrs. M. Myers, Nellie and Maggie Goodrich, Leila Hord, Della Evans, Ollie Mackley, Blanch West and Etta Whitmer, Missa Bert Swan, Tom Whitmer, Ed Chaney, Harry Goodrich, Frank Sims, Mr. Todd, Mr. Burge, Walter Staples, Will Kerr and Murrett Renwick. Mrs. Fay was assisted in receiving by Miss Etta Whitmer and Ollie Mackley. Birthday Celebration.

Miss Leola Drew celebrated her eleventh birthday yesterday afternoon by inviting a few of her young friends to her home in Auburndale. Games were played until 6 o'clock when a dainty lunch was served. Those invited were: Misses Mabel Brintale, Nellie McBright, Floretta Ward, Nellie Carlidge, Alice

Willard, Susie Tuttle, Birdie Applegate, Grace Williams, Florence and Alice Tucker, Fay Tinsler, Julia Warner, Nellie and Lucy White, Eva and Ella Schenk, Alice McGiffin, Nellie Colcord, Essie Gossie, Daisy Vance, Mattie and Ruth Hilton and Edna Shell; Messrs. Earl Vorhis, George Bates, Jamie Tuttle, Charlie Warner, Dase Colcord, Joe King, Kenneth Anderson, Clinton Crandell, Floyd and Harry Crockett, also Mrs. Long, Mrs. Shell, Mrs. Tucker and Miss Minerva Taylor.

General Social Notes.

Alta Wessen entertained a few friends at her home Saturday evening. Those present were: Hulda Holt, Daisy Wellman, Stella Nelson, Nina and Esther Watts, Eva and Emma Soles, Ross Kaye, Ada Beaver, Emma Benson, Lillie Laderburg, Susie Louis, Nellie Dusan, Mabel Mills and Olga Wesson; Messrs. Walter Wellman, Joe Ross, Willie Harrison, Elmer Nelson, Lue Griley, George and Wallace Mills, Frank Gilyeat, Charlie Helwig, Oscar and Walter Wessen.

Mr. H. Hamilton entertained a few of his friends in Auburndale last evening. Mr. E. A. Billheimer, from the western part of the state, who has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. H. O. Pribble and Mrs. Ed Sheetz, departed last evening for the home of his parents, at Walker's Mills, Pa. Mrs. Pribble accompanied him as far as Chicago, where she will meet her parents, and visit with relatives.

E. N. Kessler returned Sunday with his mother and sister from an extended trip in Colorado.

Miss Fannie McCaslin left today for Chicago.

Miss Edith Metcalf will return from Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, tomorrow.

Mr. W. E. Brown went to Chicago yesterday.

Matthew Golden left yesterday for a visit with friends in Herington.

R. Wilson of Columbus, is visiting Dr. Ashton.

Miss Anna Whitecock returned Saturday from Chicago.

Effie Black returned to her home in Olathe yesterday after three weeks visit with friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hodgins returned from Glenwood Springs yesterday.

Mrs. Howard Chamberlain and children of Minnesota, are in the city.

John Long was in Topeka Tuesday.

Otis Hingate returned from Ft. Scott Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buchanan returned yesterday from a trip through Arkansas.

Mrs. David Mulvane and Mrs. Brown, have returned from Colorado.

Anna Crane is spending a few days in Ocala City, the guest of Miss May Adams.

Dr. U. B. McCurdy returned from Hutchinson today.

Mrs. M. Medlicott returned from Independence, Mo., today, where she has been visiting her daughter.

Geo. M. Stone, who recently returned from Mexico in the city and will open an art school this winter.

Miss Mame Hayes has gone to Horton to visit with Rose Heatherly.

The Christian church will give a car ride Wednesday evening.

Miss Bird and her companions are coming from Kansas City tomorrow to make a three weeks visit with friends.

Mrs. Walter Bates and sons are spending a few days in the country near Silver Lake with Mrs. Vanorah.

Mr. W. A. S. Bird left Tuesday for Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sheldon and son, Frank, are going to Merrill Springs to spend a week.

D. A. Clements returned from New York yesterday.

Mr. H. H. Hazlett and daughter Libbie, will return Saturday from Chicago.

Mr. Jack Kennedy will arrive this week to visit at the home of C. O. Knowles.

Japanese Consul Protests.

GLASGOW, Aug. 22.—The Japanese consul here has protested against the detention of the steamer Islam, ordered by the Earl of Kimberley, secretary of state for foreign affairs under the provisions of the foreign enlistment act. The consul claims that Islam, which is a fast vessel recently sold by W. & H. Henderson to the Japanese government, was not intended to be used as a cruiser.

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